

# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF AUBURN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

*September 20, 2005 @ 8:30 A.M.*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willick Richardson; Clark; Merz; Nesbitt  
MEMBERS ABSENT:  
OTHERS PRESENT: (See attached list)

1. **Public Comment** – Kathy Stafford, 394 Linden, re teens @ lunch time ... carelessly jaywalking making it dangerous for vehicles to avoid hitting them. Chief Willick will contact PHS, and ask that they put something in their monthly bulletin reminding the students to use caution when crossing streets, etc.

Councilman, Bob Snyder, spoke of the recent OTBA meeting at which was voiced issues re plans/maps dealing with the Maple Street intersection changes. Suggestions from Cal Trans were presented to the Traffic Committee, previously, and those suggestions were then forwarded to OTBA for review. We still await recommendations from OTBA, and may need to revisit issue with OTBA to ensure they are onboard and to get their official feedback.

Per Deric Rothe, the Auburn Journal has parking issues, especially on dayshift. They would like to have six (6) permit parking spaces in the E. Placer lot to help alleviate the situation. PEO Carini to study the impact of their request, and this item will be placed on next month's agenda for action.

2. **Minutes:** Approval of July minutes; M/S Richardson/Clark; no discussion; unanimous.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

3. **Request to Relocate Yellow Loading Zone on Cherry Avenue & Lincoln Way**  
Charles Clark has field checked, and done some preliminary engineering work. There appears to be one choke point where Cleveland doglegs which would narrow down the through lanes to approximately 10.5 to 11 feet, with a 7 foot parking lane. Although there is good visibility, Clark has concerns with a 10.5 travelway, especially for bus traffic (larger vehicles). Sonny Harris has a concern with visibility should the first section of now-red curbing be eliminated. Other bus stops in town have same problem. No other seemingly viable option was recommended for relocating this loading zone. Committee's pleasure? Nesbitt moved to relocate to Cleveland Avenue, encouraging that we give the change 90 days trial, and if it isn't working we can re-address the issue at that time. Motion to do so made was by Nesbitt; seconded by Richardson; Clark no. Motion carries.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

4. **Request for Permit Parking on Boardman Avenue – Kathy Stafford**

Kathy Stafford addressed the committee, stating there are only two residences on her street. Some "illegal apartments" have created a parking issue, having as many as eight parked cars at any given time.

While the City has permit parking on College because of the impact of Placer High School students, the committee finds it difficult to issue single permits, as to grant a permit to one resident, would give the right to others to have permits too, which requires the number of parking spaces/permits to equal the number of residences. Taking all that into consideration, the committee will need to research this request, and approach it carefully. Research of the issue's history will be done, and the request will be placed again on October's agenda.

**5. *Request to Review Dangerous Intersection of Borland/Hwy. 49; Extra Patrol Request***

Per Bernie Schroeder, City of Auburn DPW, project funding has been awarded and is in the works (drainage improvements & widening of roadway) as we speak. Final design should be completed within the next 30 days.

**6. *Request for Signage Precluding Skateboards on Swenson Court – Rosemary Burns***

Burns was not present at today's meeting. The committee and the City favor granting permission for such signage if a neighborhood wishes to purchase the signage, and we can install for them.

**7. *Suitability for Tour Bus Service to Downtown Auburn – Harvey Roper, DBA***

This item was wrapped into the 90-day trial on Cleveland (refer to item #2), with the DBA encouraged to come up with viable alternatives in case this plan ultimately does not work out.

**8. *Traffic Issues on Brewery Lane – Tom Stout, OTBA***

The City is asked to look at the intersection of Brewery and Sacramento Street, with the possibility of installing either/or weight limitations, making the street 1-way. To 1-way would involve overall traffic analysis to fully study the effects of doing so. The parking lot fronting Awful Annie's restaurant needs to factor into this equation, for a more comprehensive look at the issue overall. The committee feels a need to conduct a workshop with homeowners and business owners on this issue. Some studies have probably already been done to some extent, so we would need to review if any exist. A town hall-type meeting seems to be best way to start the process. Clark requested some time to study the issues, then at the next Traffic Committee meeting we can set a town hall meeting date/time. Committee feels no need to rush through this process, rather the important thing is to be thorough.

**9. *Safe Routes to Schools Grant Presentation & Q/A Session***

During budget time, the Oakwood/High/Agard issue came to light. Brian Jones, Auburn PW, gave a presentation on this issue, which he terms "disastrous". Being not a true "intersection", but rather offset, makes this a difficult area to try to signalize. Engineer Mike Becker, spoke in depth, stating that the goal is to improve pedestrian safety and bring order to the intersection in general. The proposal is to utilize overlap phasing, where a single phase on High w/protected phase for side streets. Separate protected lefts would have to be implemented because of the off set. Approaching E/B you would see your set of signals, with programmed visibility on second set of signals. This allows running of phases & better movement of traffic. ADA approved wheelchair ramps are also part of project (5 of 8 ramps will be ADA approved), including countdown lights for peds telling them how much time to cross street. At peak times, an all ped phase can be run (controlled by widest crossing, approx 22 secs), and will also include a preemption system for emergency vehicles. Committee discussion followed, with the overall consensus that this appears to be a well thought out plan, in which any remaining issues can be ironed out. Committee wishes to go forth.

***NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 18, 2005 @ 8:30 A.M.***